Rise in prices of school uniform cloth in the country

3614. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the prices of school uniform cloth in the country have risen sharply in the recent past which has resulted in its poor demand and it has affected the school going children belonging to poor families;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to make available school uniform cloth at reasonable prices in the country to help the poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Separate statistics of school uniform cloth prices is not being maintained. However, average retail prices of mill made fabric, which is generally used for school uniform, have not increased sharply in recent past.

Case against officers of the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

3615. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in all cases of disciplinary proceeding or Court/Tribunal judgements involving misappropriation of funds during the last three years by officials of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), the amounts involved have been recovered;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether officers responsible f recovery have been identified a the nature of action taken again them for not initiating recovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE C THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (No instance of misappropriation funds during the last three years l any of the officials of the office Development Commissioner (Hand crafts) has come to the notice a hence the question of recovery do not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cotton consumed by NTC Mills

3616. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIV JI: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to refer to the answer Unstarred Question 2649 given the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 19 and state:

(a) how much cotton is consum annually by NTC Mills;

(b) what is the source of suppl and

(c) what percentage of total cott consumption is from C.C.I., C operatives and Private traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE C THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (NTC has consumed an average 10.85 lakh bales of cotton per ye during the last three cotton years;

(b) NTC mills purchase cott from Cotton Corporation of Ind cooperatives and private trade.

(c) During the 1990-91 cotton ye NTC purchased 30.3 per cent of requirement of cotton from CCI, 5 per cent from cooperatives and per cent from private traders.